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## SOLAR CELL EFFICIENCY TABLES (VERSION 54)

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## ABSTRACT

Consolidated tables showing an extensive listing of the highest independently confirmed efficiencies for solar cells and modules are presented. Guidelines for

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inclusion of results into these tables are outlined and new entries since January 2019 are reviewed.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Since January 1993, "*Progress in Photovoltaics*" has published six monthly listings of the highest confirmed efficiencies for a range of photovoltaic cell and module technologies [1-3]. By providing guidelines for inclusion of results into these tables, this not only provides an authoritative summary of the current state-of-the-art but also encourages researchers to seek independent confirmation of results and to report results on a standardised basis. In Version 33 of these Tables [3], results were updated to the new internationally accepted reference spectrum (International Electrotechnical Commission IEC 60904-3, Ed. 2, 2008).

The most important criterion for inclusion of results into the Tables is that they must have been independently measured by a recognised test centre listed elsewhere [2]. A distinction is made between three different eligible definitions of cell area: total area, aperture area and designated illumination area, as also defined elsewhere [2] (note that, if masking is used, masks must have a simple aperture geometry, such as square, rectangular or circular). "Active area" efficiencies are not included. There are also certain minimum values of the area sought for the different device types (above 0.05-cm<sup>2</sup> for a concentrator cell, 1-cm<sup>2</sup> for a one-sun cell, 800-cm<sup>2</sup> for a module and 200-cm<sup>2</sup> for a "submodule").

Results are reported for cells and modules made from different semiconductors and for sub-categories within each semiconductor grouping (e.g. crystalline, polycrystalline and thin film). From Version 36 onwards, spectral response information is included (when possible) in the form of a plot of the external quantum efficiency (EQE) versus wavelength, either as absolute values or normalised to the peak measured value. Current-voltage (IV) curves have also been included where possible from Version 38 onwards. A graphical summary of progress over the first 25 years during which the Tables have been published has been included in Version 51 [2].

Highest confirmed "one sun" cell and module results are reported in Tables 1-4. Any changes in the tables from those previously published [1] are set in bold type. In most cases, a literature reference is provided that describes either the result reported, or a similar result (readers identifying improved references are welcome to submit to the lead author). Table 1 summarizes the best-reported measurements for "one-sun" (non-concentrator) single-junction cells and submodules.

Table 2 contains what might be described as "notable exceptions" for "one-sun" single-junction cells and submodules in the above category. While not conforming to the requirements to be recognized as a class record, the devices in Table 2 have notable characteristics that will be of interest to sections of the photovoltaic community, with entries based on their significance and timeliness. To encourage discrimination, the table is limited to nominally 12 entries with the present authors having voted for their preferences for inclusion. Readers who have suggestions of notable exceptions for inclusion into this or subsequent tables are welcome to contact any of the authors with full details. Suggestions conforming to the guidelines will be included on the voting list for a future issue.

Table 3 was first introduced in Version 49 of these Tables and summarizes the growing number of cell and submodule results involving high efficiency, one-sun multiple-junction devices (previously reported in Table 1). Table 4 shows the best results for one-sun modules, both single- and multiple-junction, while Table 5 shows the best results for concentrator cells and concentrator modules. A small number of "notable exceptions" are also included in Tables 3 to 5.

## 2. NEW RESULTS

Ten new results are reported in the present version of these Tables with one earlier result reinstated. The first new result in Table 1 ("one-sun cells") represents an outright record for any reasonably-sized polycrystalline thin-film solar cell. An efficiency of 23.35% was measured for a 1-cm<sup>2</sup> CIGS ( $CuIn_xGa_{1-x}S_ySe_{1-y}$ ) cell fabricated by Solar Frontier [11] and measured at the Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST). As with the commercial product marketed by Solar Frontier, this cell was Cd-free.

The first of five new results in Table 2 (one-sun "notable exceptions") is reinstatement of a result reported earlier in Version 47 of these Tables. An efficiency of 25.1% was reported for a large 152-cm<sup>2</sup> n-type silicon cell fabricated by Kaneka (Osaka, Japan) [32] and confirmed by the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (FhG-ISE). This efficiency is the highest reported for a large silicon cell with the two different polarity contacts on opposite front and rear cell surfaces and is reinstated to encourage competition in this commercially-relevant space.

The second new result is a new efficiency record of 22.0% for a 0.25-cm<sup>2</sup> wide-bandgap GaInP cell with a rear heterojunction (HJ) and a strained AlInP layer. The cell was fabricated and measured by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). It is the first cell reported in these Tables with fill factor (FF) above 90%. Cell area is too small for classification as an outright record, with solar cell efficiency targets in governmental research programs generally specified in terms of a cell area of 1-cm<sup>2</sup> or larger [73-75].

The third new result represents a new record for a Pb-halide perovskite solar cell, with an efficiency of 24.2% confirmed for a small area 0.1-cm<sup>2</sup> cell fabricated by the Korean Research Institute of Chemical Technology (KRICT) [38] and measured at the Newport PV Laboratory. Cell area is again too small for classification as an outright record.

For perovskite cells, the Tables now accept results based on “quasi-steady-state” measurements (sometimes called “stabilised” in the perovskite field, although this conflicts with usage in other areas of photovoltaics). Along with other emerging technologies, perovskite cells may not demonstrate the same level of stability as conventional cells, with the stability of perovskite cells discussed elsewhere [24,25].

The final new “notable exceptions” in Table 2 are for two very small area (0.04-cm<sup>2</sup>) organic (OPV) solar cells fabricated by the Southern China University of Technology (SCUT) [39] and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) [40] measured at NREL and at the Newport PV Laboratory, respectively. Both cells demonstrate an efficiency of 16.4% and continue the rapid rise in OPV efficiency noted in the previous version of these Tables [1]. The stability of organic solar cells is discussed elsewhere [27,28] with cell area again too small for classification as an outright record.

Two new results are reported in Table 3 relating to one-sun, multijunction devices. The first is 28.0% for a 1-cm<sup>2</sup> perovskite/silicon monolithic 2-junction, 2-terminal device fabricated by Oxford PV [47] and again measured by NREL. Note that this efficiency now comfortably exceeds the highest efficiency for a single-junction silicon cell (Table 1), although for a much smaller area device.

A second new result for Table 3 is included as a multijunction cell “notable exception”. An efficiency of 39.2% was measured for a 0.25-cm<sup>2</sup> 6-junction, 2-

terminal, inverted metamorphic, monolithic  $\text{Al}_{0.24}\text{Ga}_{0.26}\text{In}_{0.5}\text{P}$  /  $\text{Al}_{0.26}\text{Ga}_{0.74}\text{As}$  /  $\text{Al}_{0.03}\text{Ga}_{0.97}\text{As}$  /  $\text{Ga}_{0.86}\text{In}_{0.14}\text{As}$  /  $\text{Ga}_{0.68}\text{In}_{0.32}\text{As}$  /  $\text{Ga}_{0.43}\text{In}_{0.57}\text{As}$  cell fabricated by and measured at NREL [53]. This is the highest efficiency ever measured for a 1-sun cell, although again cell area is too small to be considered as an outright record.

One new entry in Table 4 (“one-sun modules”) as a “notable exception” is an efficiency of 17.4% for a large-area ( $1\text{-m}^2$ ), flexible CIGS module fabricated by MiaSolé [60] and measured by FhG-ISE.

The final new entry is in Table 5 (“concentrator cells and modules”) where an efficiency of 47.1% has been measured for a  $0.1\text{-cm}^2$  6-junction, 2-terminal, inverted metamorphic, monolithic  $\text{Al}_{0.23}\text{Ga}_{0.27}\text{In}_{0.5}\text{P}$  /  $\text{Al}_{0.23}\text{Ga}_{0.77}\text{As}$  / GaAs /  $\text{Ga}_{0.84}\text{In}_{0.16}\text{As}$  /  $\text{Ga}_{0.67}\text{In}_{0.33}\text{As}$  /  $\text{Ga}_{0.43}\text{In}_{0.57}\text{As}$  cell at 143-suns concentration ( $143\text{-kW/m}^2$  irradiance), with the cell fabricated by and measured at NREL [53]. This is the highest efficiency ever reported for any photovoltaic cell, although concentrator cell efficiencies are not strictly thermodynamic efficiencies, since they exclude diffuse light on the system aperture in the efficiency determination.

The EQE spectra for the new CIGS cell and module results as well as for the 28.0% perovskite/Si tandem cell result and for the new OPV, perovskite and GaInP cell results reported in the present issue of these Tables are shown in Fig. 1(a), with Fig. 1(b) showing the current density – voltage (JV) curves for the same devices. Figures 2(a) and 2(b) show the corresponding EQE and JV curves for the new 6-junction, 2-terminal cell results.

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Table 1: Confirmed single-junction terrestrial cell and submodule efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>) at 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global).

Classification	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Fill factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
<u>Silicon</u>							
Si (crystalline cell)	26.7 ± 0.5	79.0 (da)	0.738	42.65 <sup>a</sup>	84.9	AIST (3/17)	Kaneka, n-type rear IBC [4]
Si (multicrystalline cell)	22.3 ± 0.4 <sup>b</sup>	3.923 (ap)	0.6742	41.08 <sup>c</sup>	80.5	FhG-ISE (8/17)	Fraunhofer ISE, n-type [5]
Si (thin transfer submodule)	21.2 ± 0.4	239.7 (ap)	0.687 <sup>d</sup>	38.50 <sup>d,e</sup>	80.3	NREL (4/14)	Solexel (35 µm thick) [6]
Si (thin film minimodule)	10.5 ± 0.3	94.0 (ap)	0.492 <sup>d</sup>	29.7 <sup>d,f</sup>	72.1	FhG-ISE (8/07)	CSG Solar (<2 µm on glass) [7]
<u>III-V Cells</u>							
GaAs (thin film cell)	29.1 ± 0.6	0.998 (ap)	1.1272	29.78 <sup>g</sup>	86.7	FhG-ISE (10/18)	Alta Devices [8]
GaAs (multicrystalline)	18.4 ± 0.5	4.011 (t)	0.994	23.2	79.7	NREL (11/95)	RTI, Ge substrate [9]
InP (crystalline cell)	24.2 ± 0.5 <sup>b</sup>	1.008 (ap)	0.939	31.15 <sup>a</sup>	82.6	NREL (3/13)	NREL [10]
<u>Thin Film Chalcogenide</u>							
CIGS (cell) (Cd-free)	23.35 ± 0.5	1.043 (da)	0.734	39.58 <sup>h</sup>	80.4	AIST (11/18)	Solar Frontier [11]
CdTe (cell)	21.0 ± 0.4	1.0623 (ap)	0.8759	30.25 <sup>e</sup>	79.4	Newport (8/14)	First Solar, on glass [13]
CZTSSe (cell)	11.3 ± 0.3	1.1761 (da)	0.5333	33.57 <sup>g</sup>	63.0	Newport (10/18)	DGIST, Korea [14]
CZTS (cell)	10.0 ± 0.2	1.113 (da)	0.7083	21.77 <sup>a</sup>	65.1	NREL (3/17)	UNSW [15]
<u>Amorphous/Microcrystalline</u>							
Si (amorphous cell)	10.2 ± 0.3 <sup>i,b</sup>	1.001 (da)	0.896	16.36 <sup>e</sup>	69.8	AIST (7/14)	AIST [16]
Si (microcrystalline cell)	11.9 ± 0.3 <sup>b</sup>	1.044 (da)	0.550	29.72 <sup>a</sup>	75.0	AIST (2/17)	AIST [16]
<u>Perovskite</u>							
Perovskite (cell)	20.9 ± 0.7 <sup>j,k</sup>	0.991 (da)	1.125	24.92 <sup>c</sup>	74.5	Newport (7/17)	KRICT [17]
Perovskite (minimodule)	17.25 ± 0.6 <sup>j,l</sup>	17.277 (da)	1.070 <sup>d</sup>	20.66 <sup>d,m</sup>	78.1	Newport (5/18)	Microquanta, 7 serial cells [18]
Perovskite (submodule)	11.7 ± 0.4 <sup>j</sup>	703 (da)	1.073 <sup>d</sup>	14.36 <sup>d,m</sup>	75.8	AIST (3/18)	Toshiba, 44 serial cells [19]
<u>Dye sensitised</u>							

Dye (cell)	$11.9 \pm 0.4^{\text{k,n}}$	1.005 (da)	0.744	$22.47^{\text{o}}$	71.2	AIST (9/12)	Sharp [20]
Dye (minimodule)	$10.7 \pm 0.4^{\text{k,n}}$	26.55 (da)	0.754 <sup>d</sup>	$20.19^{\text{d,p}}$	69.9	AIST (2/15)	Sharp, 7 serial cells [21]
Dye (submodule)	$8.8 \pm 0.3^{\text{n}}$	398.8 (da)	0.697 <sup>d</sup>	$18.42^{\text{d,q}}$	68.7	AIST (9/12)	Sharp, 26 serial cells [22]
<u>Organic</u>							
Organic (cell)	$11.2 \pm 0.3^{\text{r}}$	0.992 (da)	0.780	$19.30^{\text{e}}$	74.2	AIST (10/15)	Toshiba [23]
Organic (minimodule)	$9.7 \pm 0.3^{\text{r}}$	26.14 (da)	0.806 <sup>d</sup>	$16.47^{\text{d,p}}$	73.2	AIST (2/15)	Toshiba (8 series cells) [23]

CIGS =  $\text{CuIn}_{1-y}\text{Ga}_y\text{Se}_2$ , a-Si = amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy, nc-Si = nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon, CZTSSe =  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_{4-y}\text{Se}_y$ , CZTS =  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$ , (ap) = aperture area, (t) = total area, (da) = designated illumination area, FhG-ISE = Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme, AIST = Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

<sup>a</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 50 of these Tables

<sup>b</sup> Not measured at an external laboratory

<sup>c</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 51 of these Tables

<sup>d</sup> Reported on a “per cell” basis

<sup>e</sup> Spectral responses and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these Tables

<sup>f</sup> Recalibrated from original measurement

<sup>g</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the Version 53 of these Tables

<sup>h</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these Tables

<sup>i</sup> Stabilized by 1,000 hours exposure to 1 sun light at 50 C

<sup>j</sup> Initial performance. References 24 and 25 review the stability of similar devices

<sup>k</sup> Average of forward and reverse sweeps at 150 mV/s (hysteresis  $\pm 0.26\%$ )

<sup>l</sup> Measured using 13-point IV sweep with constant bias until data constant at 0.05% level

<sup>m</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 52 of these Tables

<sup>n</sup> Initial efficiency. Reference 26 reviews the stability of similar devices

<sup>o</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 41 of these Tables

<sup>p</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these Tables

<sup>q</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 43 of these Tables

<sup>r</sup> Initial performance. References 27 and 28 review the stability of similar devices

Table 2: “Notable Exceptions” for single-junction cells and submodules: “Top dozen” confirmed results, not class records, measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000 Wm<sup>-2</sup>) at 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global).

Classification	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Fill Factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
<b>Cells (silicon)</b>							
Si (crystalline)	25.0 ± 0.5	4.00 (da)	0.706	42.7 <sup>a</sup>	82.8	Sandia (3/99) <sup>b</sup>	UNSW p-type PERC top/rear contacts [29]
Si (crystalline)	25.8 ± 0.5 <sup>c</sup>	4.008 (da)	0.7241	42.87 <sup>d</sup>	83.1	FhG-ISE (7/17)	FhG-ISE, n-type top/rear contacts [30]
Si (crystalline)	26.1 ± 0.3 <sup>c</sup>	3.9857 (da)	0.7266	42.62 <sup>e</sup>	84.3	ISFH (2/18)	ISFH, p-type rear IBC [31]
Si (large crystalline)	25.1 ± 0.5	151.88 (ap)	0.7375	40.79 <sup>f</sup>	83.5	FhG-ISE (9/15)	Kaneka, n-type top/rear contacts [32]
Si (large crystalline)	26.6 ± 0.5	179.74 (da)	0.7403	42.5 <sup>g</sup>	84.7	FhG-ISE (11/16)	Kaneka, n-type rear IBC [4]
Si (multicrystalline)	22.0 ± 0.4	245.83 (t)	0.6717	40.55 <sup>d</sup>	80.9	FhG-ISE (9/17)	Jinko Solar, large p-type [33]
<b>Cells (III-V)</b>							
GaInP	22.0 ± 0.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.2502 (ap)	1.4695	16.63 <sup>h</sup>	90.2	NREL (1/19)	NREL, rear HJ, strained AlInP [34]
<b>Cells (chalcogenide)</b>							
CdTe (thin-film)	22.1 ± 0.5	0.4798 (da)	0.8872	31.69 <sup>i</sup>	78.5	Newport (11/15)	First Solar on glass [35]
CZTSSe (thin-film)	12.6 ± 0.3	0.4209 (ap)	0.5134	35.21 <sup>j</sup>	69.8	Newport (7/13)	IBM solution grown [36]
CZTS (thin-film)	11.0 ± 0.2	0.2339(da)	0.7306	21.74 <sup>g</sup>	69.3	NREL (3/17)	UNSW on glass [37]
<b>Cells (other)</b>							
Perovskite (thin-film)	24.2 ± 0.8 <sup>k,l</sup>	0.0955 (ap)	1.1948	24.16 <sup>h</sup>	84.0	Newport (1/19)	KRICT, Korea [38]
Organic (thin-film)	16.4 ± 0.2 <sup>m</sup>	0.04137 (da)	0.8468	25.46 <sup>h</sup>	76.3	NREL (5/19)	SCUT, China [39]
Organic (thin-film)	16.4 ± 0.4 <sup>m</sup>	0.0394 (da)	0.8621	26.17 <sup>h</sup>	72.7	Newport (5/19)	HKUST, Hong Kong [40]

CIGSSe = CuInGaSSe, CZTSSe = Cu<sub>2</sub>ZnSnS<sub>4-y</sub>Se<sub>y</sub>, CZTS = Cu<sub>2</sub>ZnSnS<sub>4</sub>, (ap)= aperture area, (t) = total area, (da) = designated illumination area, AIST, Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, NREL, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, FhG-ISE, Fraunhofer-Institut für Solare Energiesysteme, ISFH, Institute for Solar Energy Research, Hamelin

<sup>a</sup> Spectral response reported in Version 36 of these Tables

<sup>b</sup> Recalibrated from original measurement

<sup>c</sup> Not measured at an external laboratory

<sup>d</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 51 of these Tables

<sup>e</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 52 of these Tables

<sup>f</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 47 of these Tables

<sup>g</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 50 of these Tables

<sup>h</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these Tables

<sup>i</sup> Spectral response and/or current-voltage curves reported in Version 46 of these Tables

<sup>j</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 44 of these Tables

<sup>k</sup> Stability not investigated. References 24 and 25 document stability of similar devices

<sup>l</sup> Measured using 13 point IV sweep with constant voltage bias until current determined as unchanging

<sup>m</sup> Long term stability not investigated. References 27 and 28 document stability of similar devices

Table 3: Confirmed multiple-junction terrestrial cell and submodule efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum ( $1000 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global).

Classification	Efficiency (%)	Area ( $\text{cm}^2$ )	Voc (V)	Jsc ( $\text{mA/cm}^2$ )	Fill factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
<b>III-V Multijunctions</b>							
5 junction cell (bonded) (2.17/1.68/1.40/1.06/.73eV)	$38.8 \pm 1.2$	1.021 (ap)	4.767	9.564	85.2	NREL (7/13)	Spectrolab, 2-terminal [41]
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	$37.9 \pm 1.2$	1.047 (ap)	3.065	14.27 <sup>a</sup>	86.7	AIST (2/13)	Sharp, 2 term. [42]
GalnP/GaAs (monolithic)	$32.8 \pm 1.4$	1.000 (ap)	2.568	14.56 <sup>b</sup>	87.7	NREL (9/17)	LG Electronics, 2 term.
<b>Multijunctions with c-Si</b>							
GaN/P/GaAs/Si (mech. stack)	$35.9 \pm 0.5^c$	1.002 (da)	2.52/0.681	13.6/11.0	87.5/78.5	NREL (2/17)	NREL/CSEM/EPFL, 4-term. [43]
GaN/P/GaAs/Si (wafer bonded)	$33.3 \pm 1.2^c$	3.984 (ap)	3.127 <sup>b</sup>	12.7 <sup>b</sup>	83.5	FhG-ISE (8/17)	Fraunhofer ISE, 2-term. [44]
GaN/P/GaAs/Si (monolithic)	$22.3 \pm 0.8^c$	0.994 (ap)	2.619	10.0 <sup>d</sup>	85.0	FhG-ISE (10/18)	Fraunhofer ISE, 2-term. [45]
GaAsP/Si (monolithic)	$20.1 \pm 1.3^c$	3.940 (ap)	1.673	14.94 <sup>e</sup>	80.3	NREL (5/18)	OSU/SolAero/UNSW, 2-term [46].
GaAs/Si (mech. stack)	$32.8 \pm 0.5^c$	1.003 (da)	1.09/0.683	28.9/11.1 <sup>e</sup>	85.0/79.2	NREL (12/16)	NREL/CSEM/EPFL, 4-term. [43]
Perovskite/Si (monolithic)	$28.0 \pm 0.7^f$	1.030 (da)	1.802	19.75 <sup>g</sup>	78.7	NREL (12/18)	Oxford PV [47]
GaN/P/GaInAs/Ge; Si (spectral split minimodule)	$34.5 \pm 2.0$	27.83 (ap)	2.66/0.65	13.1/9.3	85.6/79.0	NREL (4/16)	UNSW/Azur/Trina, 4-term. [48]
<b>a-Si/nc-Si Multijunctions</b>							
a-Si/nc-Si/nc-Si (thin-film)	$14.0 \pm 0.4^{h,c}$	1.045 (da)	1.922	9.94 <sup>i</sup>	73.4	AIST (5/16)	AIST, 2-term. [49]
a-Si/nc-Si (thin-film cell)	$12.7 \pm 0.4^{h,c}$	1.000(da)	1.342	13.45 <sup>j</sup>	70.2	AIST (10/14)	AIST, 2-term. [50]
<b>"Notable Exceptions"</b>							
Perovskite/CIGS	$22.4 \pm 1.9^f$	0.042 (da) <sup>k</sup>	1.774	17.3 <sup>e</sup>	73.1	NREL (11/17)	UCLA, 2-term. [51]
GaN/P/GaAs/GaInAs	$37.8 \pm 1.4$	0.998 (ap)	3.013	14.60 <sup>d</sup>	85.8	NREL (1/18)	Microlink (ELO) [52]
6 junction (monolithic) (2.19/1.76/1.45/1.19/.97/.7eV)	$39.2 \pm 3.2^c$	0.247 (ap) <sup>k</sup>	5.549	8.457 <sup>g</sup>	83.5	NREL (11/18)	NREL, inv. m'morphic [53]

a-Si = amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy, nc-Si = nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon, (ap) = aperture area, (t) = total area, (da) = designated illumination area, FhG-ISE = Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme, AIST = Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

<sup>a</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 42 of these Tables

<sup>b</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the Version 51 of these Tables

<sup>c</sup> Not measured at an external laboratory

<sup>d</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 53 of these Tables

<sup>e</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 52 of these Tables

<sup>f</sup> Initial efficiency. References 24 and 25 review the stability of similar perovskite-based devices

<sup>g</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these Tables

<sup>h</sup> Stabilized by 1,000 hours exposure to 1 sun light at 50 C

<sup>i</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 49 of these Tables

<sup>j</sup> Spectral responses and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these Tables

<sup>k</sup> Area too small to qualify as outright class record

Table 4: Confirmed terrestrial module efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum ( $1000 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) at a cell temperature of  $25^\circ\text{C}$  (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global).

Classification	Effic. (%)	Area (cm $^2$ )	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	I <sub>sc</sub> (A)	FF (%)	Test Centre (date)	Description
Si (crystalline)	$24.4 \pm 0.5$	13177 (da)	79.5	5.04 <sup>a</sup>	80.1	AIST (9/16)	Kaneka (108 cells) [4]
Si (multicrystalline)	$19.9 \pm 0.4$	15143 (ap)	78.87	4.795 <sup>a</sup>	79.5	FhG-ISE (10/16)	Trina Solar (120 cells) [50]
GaAs (thin film)	$25.1 \pm 0.8$	866.45 (ap)	11.08	2.303 <sup>b</sup>	85.3	FhG-ISE (11/17)	Alta Devices [51]
CIGS (Cd free)	$19.2 \pm 0.5$	841 (ap)	48.0	0.456 <sup>b</sup>	73.7	AIST (1/17)	Solar Frontier (70 cells) [52]
CdTe (thin-film)	$18.6 \pm 0.5$	7038.8 (da)	110.6	1.533 <sup>d</sup>	74.2	NREL (4/15)	First Solar, monolithic [53]
a-Si/nc-Si (tandem)	$12.3 \pm 0.3^f$	14322 (t)	280.1	0.902 <sup>f</sup>	69.9	ESTI (9/14)	TEL Solar, Trubbach Labs [54]
Perovskite	$11.6 \pm 0.4^g$	802 (da)	23.79	0.577 <sup>h</sup>	68.0	AIST (4/18)	Toshiba (22 cells) [19]
Organic	$8.7 \pm 0.3^h$	802 (da)	17.47	0.569 <sup>d</sup>	70.4	AIST (5/14)	Toshiba [23]
<u>Multijunction</u>							
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	$31.2 \pm 1.2$	968 (da)	23.95	1.506	83.6	AIST (2/16)	Sharp (32 cells) [55]
<u>"Notable Exception"</u>							
CIGS (large)	$17.4 \pm 0.6$	10850 (ap)	58.20	4.379 <sup>i</sup>	74.3	FhG-ISE (4/19)	Miasole [56]

CIGSS = CuInGaSSe, a-Si = amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy, a-SiGe = amorphous silicon/germanium/hydrogen alloy, nc-Si = nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon, Effic. = efficiency, (t) = total area, (ap) = aperture area, (da) = designated illumination area, FF = fill factor

<sup>a</sup> Spectral response and current voltage curve reported in Version 49 of these Tables

<sup>b</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 50 or 51 of these Tables

<sup>c</sup> Spectral response and/or current-voltage curve reported in Version 47 of these Tables

<sup>d</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these Tables

<sup>e</sup> Stabilised at the manufacturer to the 2% level following IEC procedure of repeated measurements

<sup>f</sup> Spectral response and/or current–voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these tables.

<sup>g</sup> Initial performance. References 24 and 25 review the stability of similar devices

<sup>h</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these Tables

<sup>i</sup> Spectral response reported in the present version of these Tables

Table 5: Terrestrial concentrator cell and module efficiencies measured under the ASTM G-173-03 direct beam AM1.5 spectrum at a cell temperature of 25°C.

Classification	Effic. (%)	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Intensity <sup>a</sup> (suns)	Test Centre (date)	Description
<u>Single Cells</u>					
GaAs	29.3 ± 0.7 <sup>b</sup>	0.09359 (da)	49.9	NREL (10/16)	LG Electronics
Si	27.6 ± 1.2 <sup>c</sup>	1.00 (da)	92	FhG-ISE (11/04)	Amonix back-contact [57]
CIGS (thin-film)	23.3 ± 1.2 <sup>d,e</sup>	0.09902 (ap)	15	NREL (3/14)	NREL [58]
<u>Multijunction cells</u>					
AlGaInP/AlGaAs/GaAs/GaInAs(3) (2.15/1.72/1.41/1.17/0.96/0.70eV)	47.1 ± 2.6 <sup>d,f</sup>	0.099 (da)	143	NREL (3/19)	NREL, 6j inv. m'morphic [53]
GalnP/GaAs/GaInAsP/GaInAs	46.0 ± 2.2 <sup>g</sup>	0.0520 (da)	508	AIST (10/14)	Soitec/CEA/FhG-ISE 4j bonded [59]
GalnP/GaAs/GaInAs/GaInAs	45.7± 2.3 <sup>d,h</sup>	0.09709 (da)	234	NREL (9/14)	NREL, 4j monolithic [60]
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	44.4 ± 2.6 <sup>i</sup>	0.1652 (da)	302	FhG-ISE (4/13)	Sharp, 3j inverted metamorphic [61]
GalnAsP/GaInAs	35.5 ± 1.2 <sup>j,d</sup>	0.10031 (da)	38	NREL (10/17)	NREL 2-junction (2j)
<u>Minimodule</u>					
GalnP/GaAs; GalnAsP/GaInAs	43.4 ± 2.4 <sup>d,k</sup>	18.2 (ap)	340 <sup>l</sup>	FhG-ISE (7/15)	Fraunhofer ISE 4j (lens/cell) [62]
<u>Submodule</u>					
GalnP/GaInAs/Ge; Si	40.6 ± 2.0 <sup>k</sup>	287 (ap)	365	NREL (4/16)	UNSW 4j split spectrum [63]
<u>Modules</u>					
Si	20.5 ± 0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1875 (ap)	79	Sandia (4/89) <sup>m</sup>	Sandia/UNSW/ENTECH (12 cells) [64]
Three Junction (3j)	35.9 ± 1.8 <sup>n</sup>	1092 (ap)	N/A	NREL (8/13)	Amonix [65]
Four Junction (4j)	38.9 ± 2.5 <sup>o</sup>	812.3 (ap)	333	FhG-ISE (4/15)	Soitec [66]
<u>"Notable Exceptions"</u>					
Si (large area)	21.7 ± 0.7	20.0 (da)	11	Sandia (9/90) <sup>k</sup>	UNSW laser grooved [67]
Luminescent minimodule	7.1 ± 0.2	25(ap)	2.5 <sup>l</sup>	ESTI (9/08)	ECN Petten, GaAs cells [68]

CIGS = CuInGaSe<sub>2</sub>, Effic. = efficiency, (da) = designated illumination area, (ap) = aperture area, NREL = National Renewable Energy Laboratory, FhG-ISE = Fraunhofer-Institut für Solare Energiesysteme

<sup>a</sup> One sun corresponds to direct irradiance of 1000 Wm<sup>-2</sup>

<sup>b</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 50 of these Tables

<sup>c</sup> Measured under a low aerosol optical depth spectrum similar to ASTM G-173-03 direct<sup>73</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Not measured at an external laboratory

<sup>e</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 44 of these Tables

<sup>f</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these Tables

<sup>g</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these Tables

<sup>h</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these Tables

<sup>i</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 42 of these Tables

<sup>j</sup> Spectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 51 of these Tables

<sup>k</sup> Determined at IEC 62670-1 CSTC reference conditions

<sup>l</sup> Geometric concentration

<sup>m</sup> Recalibrated from original measurement

<sup>n</sup> Referenced to 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> direct irradiance and 25°C cell temperature using the prevailing solar spectrum and an in-house procedure for temperature translation

<sup>o</sup> Measured under IEC 62670-1 reference conditions following the current IEC power rating draft 62670-3.

## Figure Captions

Figure 1: (a) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new CIGS cell and module results, for the 28.0% perovskite/Si tandem cell result as well as for the new OPV, perovskite and GaInP cell results reported in this issue (some results may be normalised), (b) Corresponding current density–voltage (JV) curves.

Figure 2: (a) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new 6-junction multijunction cell results reported in this issue (some results may be normalised), (b) Corresponding current density–voltage (JV) curves.







